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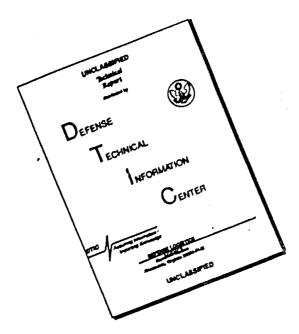
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FOREWORD

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ABSTRACT

This report presents structural flight load data from C-130A and B aircraft performing normal operations and analyses of the data. This information is intended for use in determining design criteria for future flight vehicles and in estimating the effect of these missions on a structure of this type in terms of structural fatigue and estimated life.

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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

A flight load recording program on C-130 aircraft assigned to the Tactical Air Command was initiated by WADD as part of the continuous effort to collect structural loads data which are used as a basis for establishing and refining structural design criteria.

The flight loads data presented in this report were collected during normal operations of C-130A and B aircraft stationed at Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee. The useful data collected on the C-130A and B aircraft from June 1959 to June 1960 totaled, respectively, 528.3 and 548.7 hours.



Figure I. C-130 Aircraft

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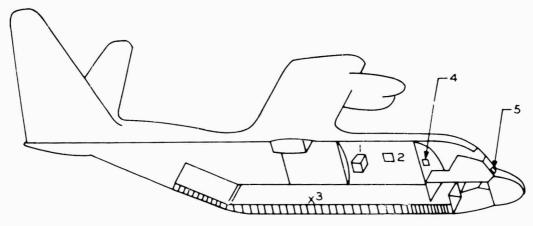
DISCUSSION

A. Data Recording System

The Hathaway Flight Analyzers were installed in each of fifteen aircraft. The Flight Analyzer is an instrument which records a number of variable quantities during the flight of an aircraft; these are: normal acceleration, airspeed, and altitude, which are recorded simultaneously versus time on a single chart. Recording is done on a special chart with dimensions of 9 inches wide by 50 feet long and is driven at a speed of 120 inches per hour. The traces are impressed on the chart by electrical discharges from styli which are actuated by the effects of

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sensing elements. This instrument has a frequency response flat to approximately 5 cps.



- I. HATHAWAY FLIGHT ANALYZER
- 2. CARGO OUTLET BOX & CIRCUIT BREAKER
- 3. APPROXIMATE CENTER OF GRAVITY
- 4 APPROXIMATE POINT OF STATIC LINE CONNECTION
- 5 APPROXIMATE POINT OF PITOT LINE CONNECTION

Figure 2. Sectional Drawing of the C-130 Aircraft Depicting the Positioning of the Hathaway Flight Analyzer, Components, and the Approximate Center of Gravity

B. Data Processing

Desired information was extracted from the Flight Analyzer charts either by manual graphite transcriptions to a Mark Sense card or by employing the semiautomatic Benson-Lehner reader. Subsequently, as the Mark Sense cards were passed through the IBM 519, the graphite markings sensitized a device for the punching of holes representing the magnitudes of the original transcriptions. The Benson-Lehner reader converted the analog form of the trace deflections into digital information, transcribing the extracted and modified data into paper tape and/or IBM cards. Then the punched cards and/or tape were fed into a digital electronic computer, the Burroughs 205, for the performance of all computational tasks. Other equipment employed in the data processing included the IBM 101 Statistical Sorter and the IBM 407 Tabulator.

Deviations of the normal load factor trace which departed from either of two threshold levels and endured for two seconds or more before returning to the threshold level were interpreted as being attributed to the maneuvering effect. All other deviations were attributed to gusts and were not read.

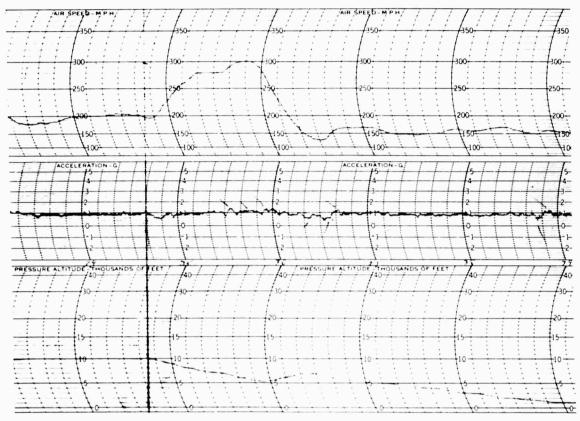


Figure 3. Sample of a Portion of the Hathaway Flight Analyzer Chart

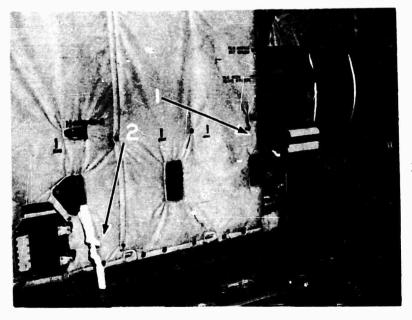


Figure 4. View of the Hathaway Flight Analyzer Installation (1) and the Approximate Center of Gravity Position (2)

Positive and negative threshold levels were established, respectively, at 1.2 and 0.8 g's. Only the maxima of such deviations were read.

Data recording and data processing results are within \pm 7% of the actual values.

C. Methods of Analysis

Probability curves were constructed using the cumulative frequency of occurrence of a load factor in excess of a given load factor experienced as a function of time, i.e., the number of hours of flight time necessary before one such load factor is expected to occur. These values of flight time were plotted on semi-log graph paper against the given load factor, and a curve was drawn through the points.

SECTION III

DATA PRESENTATION

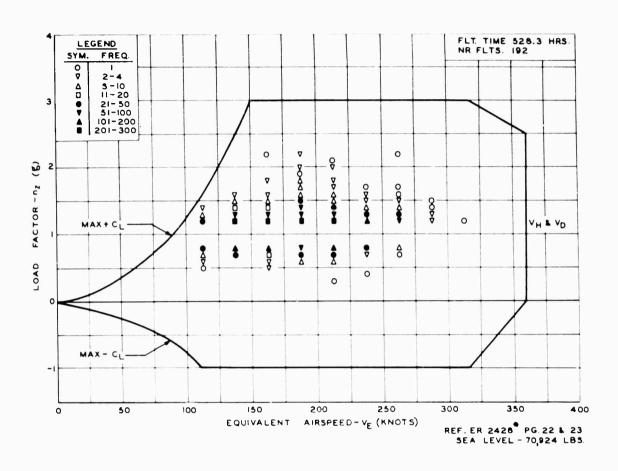
The recorded maneuver load factors of the C-130A and B are plotted on design V-n diagrams in Figures 5 and 6, respectively. These diagrams show that the instrumented aircraft did not exceed the limits of the design positive and negative load factors during the 1077 hours flown in this recording program. To illustrate further the operational comparisons of the two models of C-130 aircraft, histograms showing the percentage of flight time spent at selected airspeed and altitude ranges are presented in Figures 8 and 9. The histograms show that the C-130B, which was designed for optimum cruise conditions, spent a greater percentage of time at higher airspeed (250 to 400 knots) and altitude (20,000 to 35,000 feet) ranges than did the C-130A, which was designed for optimum performance characteristics. Probability curves showing the rate of occurrence of maneuver load factors are plotted in Figure 7. This figure shows that C-130B aircraft were subjected to a greater frequency of occurrence of load factors in the range of 1.5 to 2.0 g's than were the C-130A aircraft.

Tabulations of the distribution of maneuver load factors by equivalent airspeed in selected altitude and gross weight ranges are presented in Tables 1 through 4 for the C-130A aircraft and in Tables 5 through 8 for the C-130B aircraft. In Tables 1 through 8 the airspeed values given are the mid-points of 25-knot intervals, i.e., 187 knots represents the mid-point of the range of 175 to 199 knots. Alzo, the load factor values given represent the mid-point of 1-g ranges, i.e., 1.5 g represents the mid-point of the range of 1.45 to 1.54 g's. The exceptions to this are the threshold values, .8 and 1.2 g's, which represent the beginning points of the ranges of .8 to .75 g's and 1.2 to 1.24 g's.

SECTION IV

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The instrumented aircraft did not exceed the limit design load factors during the 1077 hours flown during this recording program.
- 2. The C-130B aircraft spent a greater percentage of time at the higher airspeed (250 to 400 knots) and altitude (20,000 to 35,000 feet) ranges than did the C-130A aircraft.
- 3. The C-130B aircraft were subjected to a greater frequency of occurrence of load factors in the range of 1.5 to 2.0 g's than were the C-130A aircraft.
- 4. The C-130 data contained herein are considered adequate for performing a fatigue analysis.



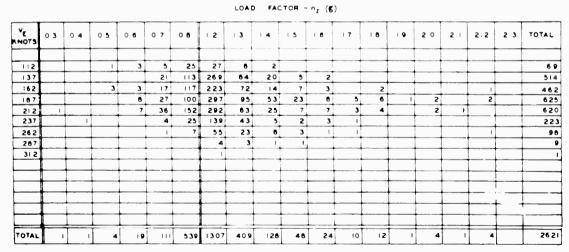
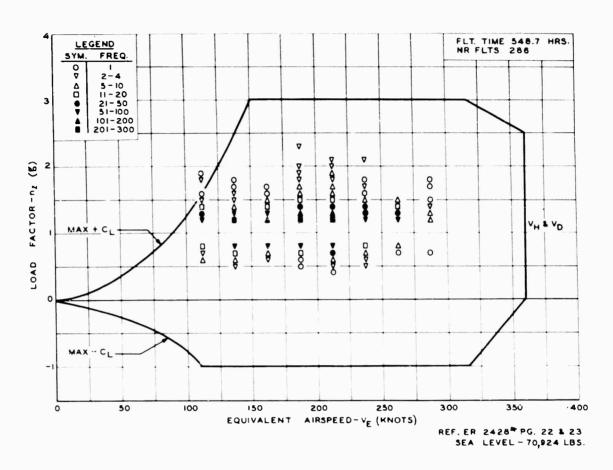


Figure 5. C-130A V-n Diagram and Tabulation of Maneuvers

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Figure 6. C-130B V-n Diagram and Tabulation of Maneuvers

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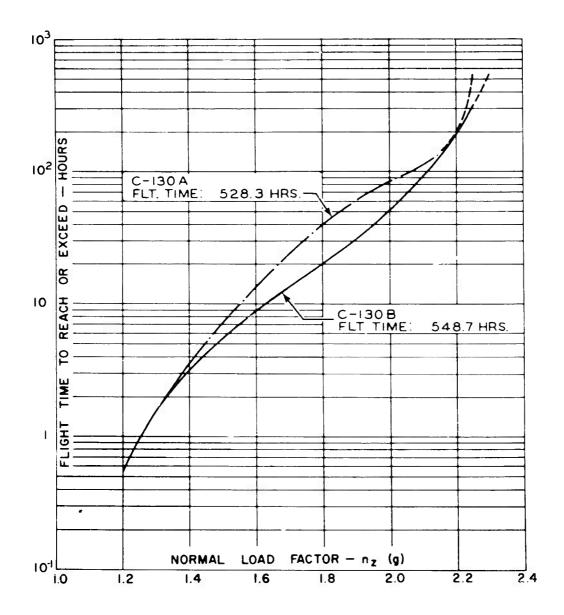


Figure 7. C-130 Probability Curves - Maneuver Loads

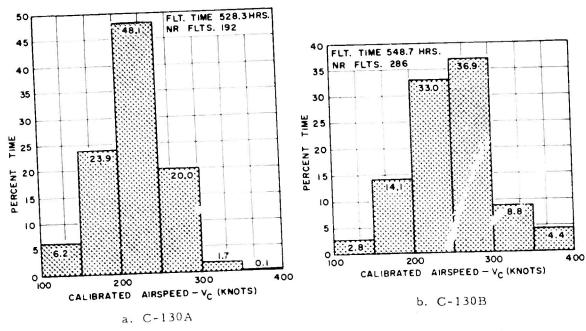


Figure 8. Percent of Total Flight Time Spent at Selected Airspeed Ranges; a. C-130A, b. C-130B

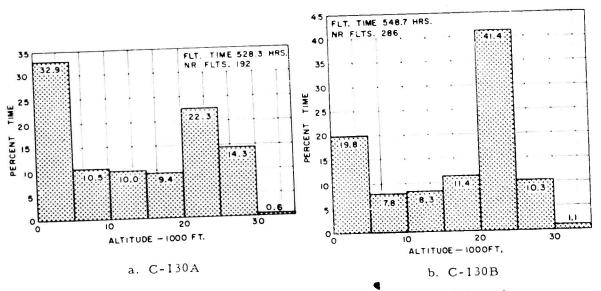


Figure 9. Percent of Total Flight Time Spent at Selected Altitude Ranges; a. C-130A, b. C-130B

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Table 4

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Table 7

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